

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend this application by replacing the paragraph appearing on page 1, lines 1-3, with the following new paragraph:

This is a division of Application No. 09/994,739, filed November 28, 2001, pending, which is a division of Application No. 09/349,933, filed July 8, 1999, and issued on January 1, 2002 as U.S. Patent No. 6,335,334, which claims priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119 to German patent application No. 19830430.7 filed on July 8, 1998, and No. 19903126.6 filed on January 27, 1999; all four prior applications are incorporated herein by reference in their entirety.